

What is claimed is:

1. In an information processing system, a method for speech recognition, the method comprising the steps of:

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accepting a speech utterance;

accessing maintained collocation information regarding language units,

wherein the collocation information is indicative of collocation and is not merely N-gram

10 information for N no more than a predetermined value; and

recognizing at least a portion of the speech utterance based on the collocation information.

15 2. A system for automated speech recognition, the system comprising:

means for accepting a speech utterance;

means for accessing maintained collocation information regarding language

20 units, wherein the collocation information is indicative of collocation and is not merely N-gram information for N no more than a predetermined value; and

means for recognizing at least a portion of the speech utterance based on the collocation information.

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